

# ★ SPRAGUE ELECTRIC ★

## ★ VICTORY ★

★ WE PLEDGE TO THE ARMED SERVICES ★

★ OUR MAXIMUM WARTIME PRODUCTION ★

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## ALL-OUT PRESSURE AS UNITED NATIONS CLOSE IN ON AXIS AGGRESSORS

### JAP FLAG CAPTURED AT TARAWA



Louis Pasotti and pals display a Japanese flag, taken during the Battle of Tarawa. The other men in the group are Massachusetts volunteers of the Second Marine Division. Louis, at right holding corner of flag, is brother of Rose Pasotti of Selkar Department.

### WHAT'S AHEAD IN THE RADIO PARTS INDUSTRY AS VIEWED BY SPRAGUE ELECTRIC CO. PRESIDENT

Highlight paragraphs of recent talk given at the morning meeting of the Electronics Parts and Equipment Conference, at Chicago, Saturday, October 21, 1944 by Mr. R. C. Sprague, President, Sprague Electric Company, and Chairman of the Parts Division, Radio Manufacturers Association.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Radio Parts Industry... I congratulate you on holding this convention. It represents action in the right direction at the right time... A big step towards the mutual solution of many problems common to the Radio Parts Industry... A big step towards a more complete cooperation and understanding between the several sections of the Radio Parts Industry — and I hope and feel certain that a great deal of good will come out of these meetings and discussions of the past three days.

One always hesitates to introduce statistical figures... They can be taken too seriously or can be misunderstood... However, I would like to give you just a few facts. No one but the world's worst pessimist can deny they indicate substantial business for some time to come, without any wishful hoping for the early introduction of the many new electronic products that

will come on the market during the post-war years.

In 1922, there were only 60 thousand radio-equipped homes... The industry, growing by leaps and bounds, reached an estimated 30 million radio-equipped homes in 1943. The grand total of radio sets in the United States in 1943 has been estimated as approximately 60 million sets.

From several reports which I have seen, the estimated number of these radio sets which are out of commission at this time, range all the way from 4 million to 15 million... My personal opinion leads me to believe the latter figure to be more nearly correct, — namely, 15 million sets out of commission, and with that number increasing daily.

In 1941, 130 million tubes were manufactured, of which 31 million were sold as replacements... In the same year, \$65 million worth of radio replacement parts and supplies, not including tubes, were sold at retail.

Some estimates have placed post-war manufacture of civilian sets — i.e., after the end of the German and Japanese wars — and after all Government restrictions have been lifted and reconversion completed, at 16 to 17 million sets per year for the first few

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### WINNER OF D.S.C. AND AIR MEDAL

Home on Leave

Lt. Frank Wotkowicz, winner of the Distinguished Service Cross and Air Medal, and also of the Oak Leaf Cluster has been home on furlough for twenty-one days. He will return to Atlantic City, N. J. to report at the army center there for a rest period. Frank, a member of the Massachusetts National Guard was mustered into service in January 1941 and was a former employee in the Dry Rolling department.



Lt. Frank Wotkowicz

### Sprague Benefit Show Rehearsals In Progress

The Committee for the Benefit Revue of 1944, met Tuesday, October 24th to discuss various phases of the show. They are well pleased with the progress of rehearsals.

The show will be presented in two parts... the Olio under the supervision of Laurence Haskins will feature short dramatic skits, with one, a satire on Grand Opera.

For the Minstrel part, under the direction of Fred Windover, there will be a surprise number featuring Jeanne Murray; the Interlocutor is Jimmy Oldham, who so successfully played the Villian in last year's melodrama. Endmen are "Gene" Pike, "Cedo" Remillard, Howard Carney, "Pete" Mancuso, Bernie Bullett and Syd Richardson.

A dance number will be directed by Ardelle Ruby.

The Ticket Committee has announced that no provisions have been made for buying tickets at the door.

### WAR WORKERS URGED NOT TO LET UP

**Capacitors, Resistors, Networks and Other Electrical Components Made by Sprague Will Be Expended by Our Fighting Men In Greater Quantity Than Ever . . . . Let's Keep Everlastingly at It and Fulfill Our Pledge of Maximum Wartime Production.**

### SPRAGUE EMPLOYEES PRAISED FOR PART IN RECENT PACIFIC VICTORIES

NS 15 Gov't Nl Pd. Ct. Washington, D. C. October 18, 1944.

To the Men and Women of Sprague Electric Co.:

Our successful landings on Saipan and Peleliu would have been impossible without the LVT's which you help to produce for the Navy. Under heavy Japanese fire the amphibian tractors brought troops, reinforcements and supplies ashore despite the worst coral reefs encountered in the Pacific. Losses through battle damage as well as requirements for planned offensive make it imperative to step up LVT production to a maximum — every man and woman contributing to this program is urged to exert every effort to provide the vital craft needed to spearhead our all out offensives against Japan.

E. L. Cochran, Rear Admiral USN  
Chief of the Bureau of Ships  
LVT's LVT (914 AM)

### SALUTE FROM THE NAVY

NS 9 GOV NL PD WASHINGTON DC OCT 24  
THE MEN AND WOMEN OF SPRAGUE ELECTRIC

In the year which has passed since last Navy Day, we have made good progress in building up the strength of the Navy. This strength has been translated into victories against our enemies. The patriotic support of our working forces at home has been a major factor in these successes — As it will continue to be in the battles yet to be fought. It seems to me appropriate, therefore, on this day when America pays tribute to her fighting Navy, to tender a salute on behalf of the fleet to the men and women who are backing up the Navy in the war plants. To all hands, well done. With the task of defeating Japan still confronting us let us continue in the same spirit of cooperation until the final shot is fired.

James Forrestal, Secretary of the Navy.

### Employees Raise \$7,103.25 For Chest

Final reports on the Community Chest drive indicated, as the Log went to press, that the total raised by Sprague workers would amount to \$7,103.25. Although this total represents less than 80% of the quota assigned, it compares favorably with last year's \$7,011.00. The drive showed a great increase in the percentage of workers giving, and in the generous spirit in which contributions were made. To all contributors, committees and department campaigners — Thanks a million for your help!

"Of the Employees...by the Employees...for the Employees."



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"Every Sprague Worker an Assistant Reporter."

#### WHAT'S AHEAD IN THE RADIO PARTS INDUSTRY

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years. This will naturally mean increased production for parts manufacturers and a widely-expanded market for replacement parts of all types as soon as repair men become available.

Another authority estimates post-war production of tubes and replacement parts as follows:

In the year 194 -x -200 million tubes for new sets and for replacement.

In the same year, 194 -x - \$100 million worth of replacement parts, not including tubes.

194 -x is defined as the first FULL production year following complete victory over Germany and Japan.

Back of this latent demand is the prospect of new developments too numerous to list. If only a small fraction are ever realized, we are assured that our Radio-electronic Industry will be kept young, alert, and continually looking ahead to new and greater fields. The saturation point is not yet in sight. We are only at a new beginning of greater public usefulness and resulting greater business!

There should be, however, a word of caution lest the public become mesmerized by a beautiful electronic mirage on the post-war horizon...A sadly disillusioned public would be a tough sales obstacle to overcome. I am glad that our industry has been foresighted enough to anticipate such an unwarranted build-up and is even now advertising to off-set it.

As a nation, we are sometimes inclined to be over-optimistic. We are inclined to think the things we hope for, rather than be ruled by facts. This is not said to disparage post-war developments, even though they may not materialize half as fast as many people fondly think...My point is, that we in the Radio Parts Industry do not have to look to any nebulous state of things to foresee a substantial post-war business.

In his address, at the convention of the Radio Manufacturers' Association on June 7th, in this same hotel, Major General Wm. Harrison, Chief of Procurement and Distribution Service, U. S. Army Signal Corps — said (and I quote):

"Ever since I got into this electronics job — I have been able to go about it with confidence...I know the people of radio are working and will work to bring Victory sooner. They need no reminder that the job is still incomplete until the day of Victory...Now that the best in America are facing the greatest challenge the soldiers of any land ever tackled...you of the Radio...can face this...with knowledge that the forces in combat lack no essential Signal equipment...and that your job has been well done."

As General Harrison has said — the radio industry has done a grand job. Every American soldier who goes ashore knows that he and his outfit are supplied with the world's best signal equipment — enough of it and on time! And into this equipment, go the parts and components designed, engineered and manufactured by the Radio Parts Industry.

Right here and now, I would like to pay tribute to the jobbers of our industry — to recognize all that you men and your organizations have done in the course of the war...That 45 to 50 million of the nation's 60 million radio sets have been kept going can be chalked up to your everlasting credit.

To the Sales Representatives of Parts Manufacturers, I wish to extend a large measure of appreciation for their contact and service work under extremely difficult war conditions.

As I have said, I am really at this conference to learn...But what I now wish to say comes from one tremendously interested in aiding and promoting, just as far as possible, helpful and cooperative relations between jobbers and parts manufacturers, — all for the mutual good and prosperous growth of the entire parts industry.

As Chairman of the Parts Division of the Radio Manufacturers Association, I am happy to again call your attention to a recently-formed Committee and to urge your support of it. I refer to the RADIO PARTS INDUSTRY CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE — which held its first meeting on October 17 at which Mr. J. J. Kahn of Chicago was elected Chairman. Its purpose is to help solve problems common to Manufacturers and Distributors of radio parts.

Returning again to the Parts Manufacturer—during the war, he has had to cope with a rapidly and enormously expanding production—with new product design, engineering and manufacture — with the complications of priorities, precedence ratings and the maze of other detail imposed by necessary wartime controls — with crucial shortages of critical materials and the necessity of using, in many cases, substitute materials — and in spite of all, to produce products to meet stringent government specifications in previously undreamed of quantities.

As I see the immediate future, the situation could become temporarily chaotic shortly after the German war ends...The Radio Parts Manufacturer will have to maintain production on war orders to help win the war against Japan — while at the same time supplying parts to manufacturers of new civilian radio sets and parts to jobbers for urgently needed repair of the millions of radio sets now out of commission. We shall still have another war to win and it will still be necessary for Parts Manufacturers to give first call to war orders, regardless of whether the Government has partly or completely lifted the ban on civilian production.

There is likely to be a definite unbalance in that some manufacturers will have deeper cut-backs and cancellations than others who will therefore be in a more fortunate position initially to take care of civilian requirements...Some bottle-necks will probably develop...And during this period there will be a great need for tolerance, co-operation and understanding all around in our Industry — from the Set Manufacturer, the Parts Manufacturer, the Sales Representative, the Jobber and the Retailer — right down to the Radio Repair Man with his friendly service in 30 million American homes.

In conclusion let me say again that I think the Radio Parts Industry has a wonderful future — but with some problems ahead particularly during the reconversion period — but I believe they are positive problems—not negative ones...And they are the kind of problems on which this Industry cut its teeth and grew strong...Able to contribute so much to the present conduct of the war and to eventual Victory.

#### SPRAGUE RADIO LOG NOW ON WTRY

##### J. K. Sprague Opens Program

The new Sprague radio program opened on the afternoon of Oct. 18, as Mr. Julian K. Sprague broke the tape with official greetings from the company. Emphasizing that this is really an all employee program, Mr. Sprague said in part: "From time to time civic groups and speakers are guests, but the large majority of the features, musical or spoken, are planned, rehearsed, and presented by the employees themselves."

Master of Ceremonies, Larry Madison, brought down his baton at 3:30 to send off a well conceived and vigorous program. Presenting Package Number One for the first half of the program, we were entertained by news, interviews, and other special features.

Charlotte Lasher, soprano, gave a feeling, interpretation of "Summer Time" from "Porgy and Bess"; and Larry Madison rendered a song in the modern mood. Ken Russell made some interesting predilections in the field of sports; while Log Editor, E. S. Whitten, presented a brief summary of the accomplishments of the Sprague Radio Log group, paying a special tribute to all those who had helped to make it a success.

A special feature was an interview with Sydney Richardson, Junior. Fresh from some spot "deep in the heart of Texas" he spoke interestingly about his experience in the Air Corps. His father, Sydney Richardson, Sr. is a machinist at the Marshall Street Model Room.

Package Number Two opened with a chorus number, "Your Flag and My Flag" from "My Maryland." With Florence Dunn at the console, and Larry Madison at the podium, the package was unfolded at vital tempo. Among the offerings were "Malaguena" a brilliant piano solo by Richard Ziter; a choral number "My Hero" from "The Chocolate Soldier"; and "Southern Memories", presented unaccompanied by the Male Octet.

This program will be presented weekly from Station WTRY, Troy, on Wednesday afternoons, between 3:30 and 4:00.

Larry Haskins

##### Treasurer of Kiwanis Club

Mr. Stanley Denoyan of the Sprague Electric Company has been appointed to the office of Treasurer of the Kiwanis Club for the coming year at that organization's recent election.

##### Log Social Committee Plan Food Sale

##### Scheduled for November

Mary Mathews called a meeting of her Log Social Committee to discuss plans for a food sale to be held the latter part of November. Mary, well pleased at the outcome of the recent Log Benefit Dance given at the Richmond Hotel states: "With the same cooperation for the Food Sale, as was given me at the dance, we should increase our present funds now held in reserve for the Hospital and other charity projects, to a very gratifying figure."

##### Apology

In the last issue of the Log, your Associate Editor regrets exceedingly that the names of Mary Mathews as Chairman of the Social Committee, and of Agnes McDonough, Committee Member from Brown street, were inadvertently omitted. Our apology to these staunch and loyal workers—whose services are so indispensable—whether as Committee members or as Staff editors.

#### "PLANNED PACIFIC OFFENSES MAKE IT IMPERATIVE TO STEP UP PRODUCTION."

Thus wired Rear Admiral Cochran to Sprague Employees on October 18. Successful landings at Saipan and Peleliu would have been impossible without the craft to which Sprague Workers contributed important parts. In the relentless war against the Japanese more and more landings will undoubtedly be necessary. More and more LVT's will be needed. Can we do anything but respond wholeheartedly to this appeal?

#### PRESIDENT SPRAGUE'S CHICAGO ADDRESS

Because it contains many interesting facts,—because it pictures some of the problems which face the Radio Parts Industry before it can successfully meet post war problems and insure a high level of production and employment,—because like the entire Sprague organization it is enthusiastic, optimistic and forward-looking...we recommend that Log readers take the time to read Mr. Sprague's address to the Electronic Parts and Equipment Conference on Saturday, October 21 in Chicago.

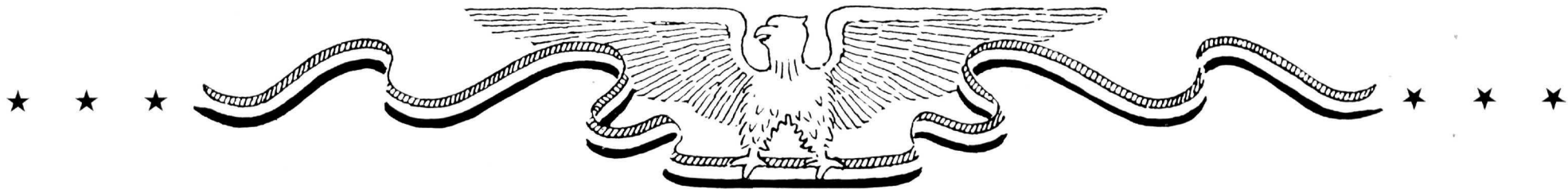
#### "SPRAGUE WAR PRODUCTION"

The second leaflet on subjects of interest to Sprague Employees has been well received. There were many calls for extra copies of the first circular entitled: "Electronics and the Post War North Adams" and you may have extra copies of this second leaflet at the Log Desk or the Dispensaries. Keep up with the times and Sprague's. As this series of printed pieces continues you will learn much about the products you make, where they go and what they do.

#### "SPRAGUE ON PARADE"

For a whole year scores of different Sprague Employees cooperated in producing our Sprague Radio Log. Over 1000 different employees took part or attended as guests in the studio. Over 300 North Adams friends attended or took part in the programs. Many of our employees have gained confidence in public speaking and in writing proposed script. The good work of all our employees in war production has been widely emphasized throughout our territory. Soloists and choral groups have been developed. On October 18 we inaugurated a new series on the Sprague Radio Log under the title of "Sprague on Parade". Each Wednesday at 3:30 P.M. over Station WTRY by remote control from the Blue Room of the Richmond Hotel a constantly improving radio program...of the employees, by the employees and for the employees and friends of the Sprague Electric Company -- will continue to reach out with entertainment, music, information, news and interviews for our ever-growing circle of radio listeners.





# ★ ★ Letters and News from the Armed Forces ★ ★

## Awarded Purple Heart

Hospitalized at Seattle, Wash.

Pfc. John Smith, a veteran of two of the bloodiest battles in the Pacific—at Tarawa and Saipan—is the recipient of the Purple Heart for wounds received in the Saipan battle, where he was fighting with the Second Marine Battalion. He is now hospitalized at the U. S. Naval Hospital at Seattle, Washington. He praises the doctors and nurses for the fine job they are doing to help care for the sick and wounded.

Pfc. Smith said in his recent letter home that if the folks back home ever realized how much news and letters mean to the boys at the front, they would write more frequently. It's a small thing to do for those brave lads who sacrifice their lives so that we at home—still have the freedom to write.



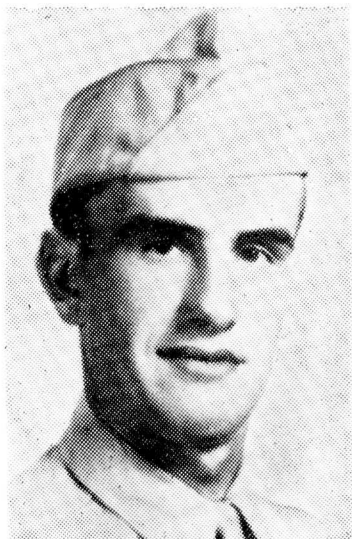
Eugene Lapine, Seaman 1-c (right) with his friend Patrick Nodenne who is visiting him on his furlough. Both boys are aboard the U.S.S. Arkansas. Eugene is the brother of Rita Bishop of Production Engineering Dept.

## Corp. Harold Ronan -- Twice Cited Completes 200 Sorties

Corp. Harold Ronan, formerly of Block Annex and an engineer in a B-17 Flying Fortress group, has known 200 sorties against German-held territory. Official credit for the destruction of approximately 500 planes has been won by his group, and they have been twice cited by the President. Once for a successful attack against the Nazi factories at Schweinfurt, Germany, and the other for the successful shuttle trips from England to Africa in which the Messerschmidt plants at Regensburg, Germany were bombed. Ronan wears two stars on his European campaign ribbon.



Olympio DePaoli (at right) Aviation Machinist Mate, 3-c, with his pilot. Olympio is the brother of Josephine, of Block Test.



Pvt. William Earl Derosia

## "Buddy" Derosia Killed In Action

Among Group to Be Granted Audience by Pope Pius XII

Won Infantry's Badge in Italy  
Formerly Employed in Gas Mask Dept.

Pvt. William Earl "Buddy" Derosia, son of Mrs. Dorothy Derosia, was killed in action in Italy, Oct. 2, according to a War department telegram received by his mother from Adj. Gen. James A. Ulio. No details were given, but the telegram reported a letter would follow.

Pvt. Derosia, holder of the infantryman's badge, which he won in Italy, went overseas with a military police unit, but recently was transferred to an infantry division. He had been in service since April 28, 1943, and following training at Fort Devens, Camp Wheeler, Ga., and Fort George G. Meade, Md., he was sent to North Africa last April. A month later he was sent to Italy.

In August, the *Log* published an account in which he said that the big-

gest thrill of his life was when he had been granted an audience with Pope Pius XII. At that time, he received another thrill of a somewhat different sort—he had the pleasure of meeting his old school mate, George Roy, of Adams. The meeting took place while both boys were attending an army show on the outskirts of Rome. He was thrilled to meet "the first home guy" since he had been in Italy. The next word his family heard from him was that he had been awarded the infantryman's badge. That was September 2nd.

Pfc. Derosia leaves his mother, a brother Alfred and three sisters, Betty and Ella Derosia and Norma Buletti.

The Sprague Electric Company, and his many friends extend deep sympathy to this family for the loss of a fine boy and a true American, who served his country loyally and well.

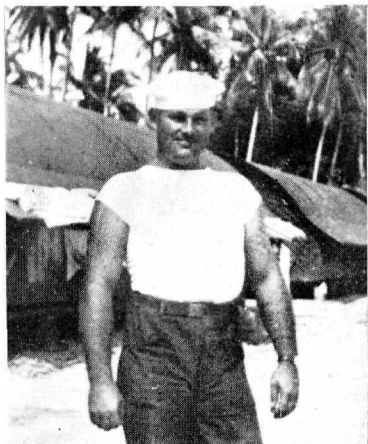
Pacific Beach, Wash.

Dear Miss Owen,

How are you today? I am in good health. The winter is setting in here. How is the gang? Tell them hello for me. I have been receiving the Sprague *Log* every month, and I love to keep up with the gang and know where all the fellows are. I will write later.

Your friend,

George Coody



Harold Green, B.M. 1-c, somewhere in the South Pacific. Brother of Betty, of KVA.

## Second Shartrand Brother Reported Wounded

Pfc. Edward M. Shartrand, Jr. is reported wounded in action in France, Sept. 26th. His brother, Henry, wounded seriously in the French invasion, and holding the Purple Heart and the Oak Leaf cluster is hospitalized at Atlantic City, N. J. Both are sons of Edward Sr. of the Etching department. A third son, Corp. Wilfred is somewhere in France with a combat engineers battalion.



S-Sgt. Joseph Foote, formerly a member of the Mass. State Guards is now with the 101st Engineers in France. He is the husband of Helen, of Wire Coating.

Oct. 19, 1944

Dear Miss Owen:

A short time ago I wrote you that I had a new address and this time I am writing to tell you that I have another new address. I am now in school, training for aviation radioman. I want to continue receiving the *Log* because it has so much news about my buddies stationed all over the globe.

I would like to say a word of thanks for the service book which Sprague so thoughtfully sent my mother. I saw it when I was home on leave and it is the best of its kind that I have yet seen. Thanks a million for being so kind and considerate.

Sincerely yours,  
Henry B. Peirce, S2-c

## Receives "While We Invade"

Sept. 26, 1944  
U.S.S. Iowa

Dear Miss Owen,

Today I received the Victory Log, "While We Invade," together with two issues of the Sprague *Log*. I was more than glad to get them. It really makes you feel swell especially to read about the news that is going on at the plant, also about the good old Berkshires.

It has been some time since I have had any liberty, and it will be ten months since I have seen a white girl and to me it seems like ten years. I have done a little swimming here. It's really hot out here and I'm certainly taking advantage of this hot sun by getting a real nice tan.

I find the *Log* very interesting reading about the boys in all parts of the world helping win this war. The time is not too far off when we will be home and join you folks back there. Give my regards to the boys in the Formation, and I'm looking forward to seeing you all soon. Lots of luck to all and keep the Logs coming.

Sincerely yours,  
John Milos, U.S.N.

## Father and Son Home From War Duties

A father and son reunion occurred recently when John Heywood, Sr. (formerly of Resistors, Brown Street) Chief Steward from the Merchant Marines, and his son, John Heywood, Jr. of the Army Air Corps were home on furlough. Mr. Heywood has been aboard an army transport which has been to England, Scotland, Naples and Africa.

## Now In England

New York P. O.

Hello people of the Sprague Company: I'm writing a few lines telling you I'm receiving the *Log* regularly. I enjoy reading the news, and what is going on in North Adams. I have received two of them this week. Of course I don't know whether you know I'm stationed in London, England, now but still it will never compare with New York City or the States.

P.F.C. Frank Kryston 31127816

## Visits From:

Pvt. Reginald Rowett, formerly of the stockroom, dropped in to say "Hello" to the gang, before going to Fort Ord, Calif. In case you didn't notice "the spurs", he is in the cavalry.

S-Sgt. William Cronin, who has seen 32 missions over Germany, and the holder of the "D.F.C.", Four Oak Leaf Clusters, and two other citations, was here with his bride on a honeymoon. He visited his brother Louis Cronin of K.V.A.

Jimmy Copeland, U.S.N., entered Cover Assembly quietly, but before he reached the Rolling Dept., he was shaking hands so vigorously with the boys, one would think they were trying to "dislocate his shoulder!"

Pvt. Bob Crowe of Uncle Sam's Infantry gave K.V.A. a surprise visit. He is now stationed at Fort Mead, Maryland.

Pvt. George Daub, formerly of K.V.A., dropped in for a "chat" with his old buddies. He is stationed in Camp Dorn, Miss.

## ARMATA BROTHERS IN SERVICE



Bernard Armata, formerly of Dry Rolling department, is now stationed at Harlingen, Texas.



Pfc. Henry Armata, formerly of Boxing, now stationed in France.



Sgt. Henry Brooks at Camp Crofts, S. C. Husband of Phyllis Brooks of Tubular Assembly.



Gerald Contois, E.M. 3-c, formerly guard at Brown Street, now stationed at the Solomon Islands. Son of Mathias of KVA and of Mary, of Block Annex.



Lt. Wallace F. Brown, stationed in France with General Patton's Third Army. His wife Linda is in Check Inspection, his sister Virginia works in Mica, and his mother is Eva of the Filter department.



Pvt. Aaron L. Stratton of the Medical Corps, Camp Ellis, Ill. He is the husband of Ruth, of Wire Coating.

### Records Give Much Enjoyment to Convalescents at Lovell Hospital

The records which were unclaimed at the Beaver, Brown and Marshall Plants are serving to keep the boys cheerful at the Lovell General Hospital at Ft. Devens, Mass.

Two letters from the Hospital, tell how much those discarded records here — have added to the morale of the boys — there.

ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
Lovell Gen. and Convalescent Hospital  
Ft. Devens, Mass.

13 October 1944

Mr. Robert Sprague  
Sprague Electric Company  
North Adams, Mass.

Dear Mr. Sprague:

Please accept our most sincere thanks for your kind contribution of records.

If you knew how much the patients enjoyed listening to them, you would fully appreciate our gratitude.

For the Commanding Officer:

SIGNEY LIGHT

Capt. M.C.

Reconditioning Officer

Lovell General Hospital

Fort Devens, Mass.

October 14, 1944

Sprague Electric Company  
North Adams, Mass.

Dear Mr. Sprague:

The music which your gift of victrola records has made possible, will mean many happy hours for the boys at Lovell. Many of them are too far from home to be visited by their families and friends, and music does much to help them forget their recent experiences and greatly shortens the long hours they must spend in the Hospital.

The knowledge that a man with the cares and responsibilities of a large defense plant is not too busy to think of them, has added much to the morale of the patients here.

May I add my personal thanks. With the new supply of records, my daily visits to the wards are greeted with much enthusiasm.

Sincerely,

Betty Ann Judge

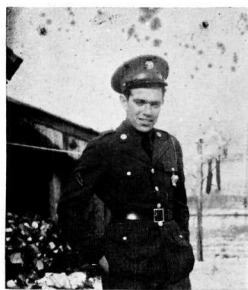
Music Therapist.

### Thank You Letter For Cigarettes

Thanks for the cigarettes. I am on one of Uncle Sam's Submarines. It makes fellows like us feel good to know the people back home think about us. I have been on Subs for nine years and wouldn't change my job for any thing. Some of our equipment is made by your Company.

Ens. J. R. Thomas, U.S.N.  
U.S.S. *Redfish*, c-o Fleet P.M.

San Francisco



Corp. Norbert Fillion stationed in France, son of Dora of Brown Street, and brother of Gloria Santerre, of Tubular Assembly.

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## ★ ★ Letters and News from

### Buy Bonds!

"Crawl for hours through mud and muck in the face of enemy fire—or buy War Bonds ... Which is easier?"

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JILSON BROTHERS

Pfc. Edward, of the Marine Corps, enlisted just after the Pearl Harbor disaster and served with the first Marine invasion of Guadalcanal. Now a guard at the Naval Air Station, Alameda, Calif. Donald, of the Marines, enlisted prior to his 18th birthday, trained at Paris Island and is now stationed at Ocean Side, Calif. They are the sons of Edna Jilson of KVA.

### Not "Malarkey"

Sampson, N. Y.  
Oct. 17, 1944

Dear Miss Owen:

I have intended to write sooner—but for one reason or another, time has to be considered. We hardly have time for ourselves at all. The life is swell and first rate. We're always on the ball. It seemed strange at first to go to bed at 9:30—but now I sort of look forward to it. We have been doing plenty of work and I am certainly benefiting by it. We are getting as hard as nails.

I got my Log today and was glad to get it. When I worked up there, and the fellows would write home and say how glad they were to receive it, I thought it was malarkey. It isn't. Anything from home is appreciated up here! We feel neglected if we don't get any mail....The old Machine Shop gang looked the same as always. Those guys are tops....Give my love to the gang in B.T.A. and hoping to hear from them soon.

Goodbye and God bless you all.

Raymond Johnson



Cpl. Angelo Pasotti, stationed first in England, Pvt. Charles Pasotti, in service two years, formerly in the Second Marine Division, is now at a retraining camp, and has been on foreign soil in the Gilbert Island battles, and has been on foreign soil in the Dept., Marshall Street.

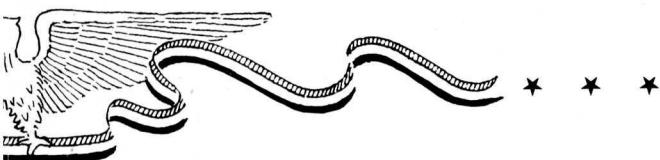


Pfc. Edward Brookman, serving in England. The son of Ada of KVA.

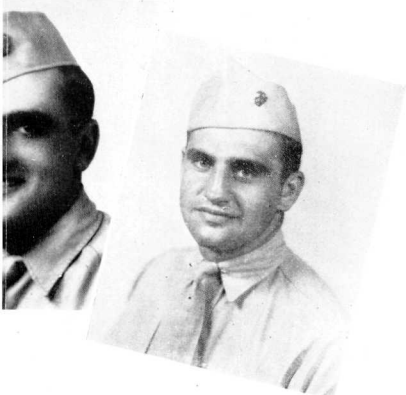
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Pvt. Wallace Haskell, stationed in South Carolina. He is the son of Selma, of KVA.



from the Armed Forces ★ ★



has had active service in France with the Fifth Army; in Hawaii, is now stationed in New Guinea; Cpl. Louis rest base somewhere in Eastern Hawaii. He took part in l for twenty-two months. Brothers of Rose, of Selkar



Pvt. Charles Brookman, Paratrooper, stationed somewhere in England. Son of Ada of KVA.

### Buy Bonds!

"Our fighting boys out there 24 hours each day. The least we can do is to keep on buying War Bonds."

★ ★ ★



Donald Brookman, S. 1-c, now somewhere in France. Son of Ada, of KVA.

### "Keep Production Up"

Franklin Williams writes: "How is everything going at Sprague's? Hope you keep production up to par, as from what I hear around here, (Sampson) we need condensers pretty badly. Everything around here is swell!"

### Waiting For Transfer

September 15, 1944

Mr. Jack Washburn  
Sprague Electric Co.  
North Adams, Mass.  
Hello Jack:

Just a few lines to say hello and such. How are you and the rest of the Plant these nice HOT days? I hope this V-Mail finds you all in the very best of good health. As for me I'm still lazy. I am waiting for my transfer into Gunnery. I hope it comes soon, for I want to get another crack at Jerry. This time from above. I hear that Jim McKay got the Air Medal. I sure am glad to hear he is O.K. Sorry about John Mancuso. We'll all miss him. Say, could you send me a few of the boys' addresses that are in Italy. I sure would like to meet more fellows and Girls from home. I've met fifteen so far and I hope we will all meet again in North Adams. Well so long for now Jack. Regards to Fred W. and Miss Owen.

Your friend,  
Jim Dillon



Pvt. Martin Heideman now stationed at a Replacement Depot at Fort Ord, Calif. He is the son of Anna, of Paper Rolling.

### All Yours, Don

San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Miss Owen:

I am in the Pacific right now. I have received the enclosed check made out to someone with the same name as myself. So I am returning it so that he can get his money.

I hope you will direct check to proper channels. Thank you.

I wish to say in closing thanks for the Log which I receive regularly out here. It's nice to hear about your buddies and where they are stationed. Thanks again for the Log.

Yours truly,

Don Roy

(Editor's Note:—The Check is yours, Don.)



Pfc. Walter Kowalski, somewhere on Admiralty Island. Husband of Rita of Tubular Assembly.

### What Is a G. I. To Do?

September 26, 1944

Dear Miss Owen:

I think it is about time I wrote and thanked you and all the others who send me and the boys in the service the Sprague Log. I enjoy every issue I receive, and I hope you keep on sending it. Over here in France there isn't much a G.I. can do for pleasure. When I first came to France all cities and towns were off limits but now G.I.'s are allowed in town. One thing easy to get is drinks—a couple of couple of shots of white lightning would make you do handspins over six by six trucks! Well there isn't much more to write about so I will close now.

Thanks again for the Log. I sure hope they keep coming.

As ever,

Henry.



Harold L. Olson, Motor Mechanist Mate, 3-c, stationed at the Amphibious Training Base, Coronado Island, Calif. Harold was formerly in the Maintenance Dept.

### Likes the Sport Column

October 5, 1944

Dear Miss Owen:

I wish to thank you and Sprague's for sending me a copy of the Victory Log, regularly. It makes me feel as if I were back in good old North Adams. It is very interesting reading, and I learn a lot about what some of my friends are doing and where they are located. I am especially interested in the sporting columns, for I participated in sports occasionally and am more acquainted with the majority of the players. I wish I could tell you more about where I am and what I'm doing, but the censors will not allow it. So, I send my best regards to all.

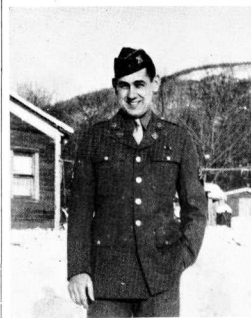
I remain,

Jimmy Preite.

James Preite S 2-c



Robert Nichols, S. 2-c, stationed at New Jersey. Son of Delia of KVA.



Tech. Sgt. Roger Lemoine, somewhere in Italy. Husband of WAVE Phyllis Lemoine, formerly of Tubular Assembly.



Pfc. Raymond Rarick somewhere in France, with a medical unit. Brother of Harold of Tubular Assembly.



Checking Along With the Resistors

**1st Shift -- Kay Corsi**  
Ella Mae Landry is spending a very enjoyable leave of absence at home with her husband, who has just returned from the Pacific.  
Margaret Cutler has just received word that her son, Raymond, has returned to the States. Her son is an old employee of Sprague's Gas Mask Dept.

Hallowe'en Party

A Hallowe'en party was held at the home of Doretta Brookman, Friday the 13. All present were in costume, with such representations as a deb, hunter, tramp, bunny and Indian. Games were played, prizes were won by Bernice Vincelette and yours truly. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

Lorraine Adams will leave us to join her husband, stationed at Philadelphia. Good luck and loads of happiness, from all of us to you.

K.V.A. -- Second Shift

**By B. Crowley and B. Green**  
**What We Can't Do Without:**

Stella's	Hearty laugh
Clara's	Corny jokes
Betty's	Wide smile
Bernie's	5:30 walk
John's	Telltale grin
Evelyn's	Assorted hair-do's
Mrs. Todd's	Constant humming
Mrs. Fressola's	Fruit for supervisors
Kate's	Pretty brown eyes
Dot's	Shy smile
Mrs. Miner's	Constant working
Grace's	Blonde hair
Mrs. Chesbro's	Quietness
Leanavee's	Beautiful song — "Pistol Packin' Mama"

Tony's Use of water glasses  
We wonder where John got his stiff neck. Can't be what we're thinking, can it, John?

Sorry to learn of the illness of Clara L's son and wish him a speedy recovery; and a speedy recovery to Mary Cozzaglio.

We hear that Stella's husband is home for good. Hope you are happy, Stell.

Tony, what happened to your nice jar of cream????? Oh yes, we hope you will bring in some more of your swell records soon.

Bye-Bye-Bonds

Mica Department

**By E. Rhodes and T. Bushika**  
For a first class mechanical whiz, see Mike Pierce.

Does anyone know where there are two "soap-boxes" available? One for Bea Garrison and another for Ida Gigliotti.

A farewell party was held at Burkes, October 10th in honor of "Frecks" Millis who will soon be leaving for the Navy. A delicious chicken dinner was served. There were 20 guests present and dancing was enjoyed by all. Marion Parrino gave a solo and Elsie Leja played piano selections. Jean Cuddeback gave a dancing exhibition. An identification bracelet was presented to the guest of honor from the Mica Department.

Jake Laflamme was so excited over Frecks Millis's party, he tore up his pay check and kept his earnings record. What part of the chicken did he get?

Florence Douglas, better known as "Popo", would like her name in the Log.

Mrs. Edna Habersetzer observed a very happy birthday at her home October 16th.

We are still overwhelmed in knowing Bea Garrison! !

Industrial Oil Rolling and Vit. Q.

By Maryrose Duquette

Pauline Martin is back with us after enjoying her visit down South. That's some southern accent "theah", Pauline.

Who makes so much noise singing in Vitamin Q? Ask Doris about it.

NEWS FLASH!

Amateurs Beat the Professionals

The girl bowlers of Industrial Oils are proud of their recent record. They are all amateurs, but challenged the seasoned professional man bowlers of KVA department. Result: The girls beat the boys by one pin! Quite a struggle, wasn't it — but look at the record! The girls' team was represented by Irene Sweeney, Edith Shaw, Laura Doran, "Liz" Slattery, Blanche Duquette and Nita Kleiner. The men who tasted defeat were Bob Davison, Ernie Risch, Gus Bouchard, Eddie Scully, "Dingle" Laird and Kenny Russell.

What Would Happen If:

Lillian —	was noisy
Maud —	didn't complain
Goldie —	didn't make bonus
Laura —	didn't sing
Doris —	didn't laugh all day
Helen —	didn't get mad
Liz —	was quiet
Dot —	told jokes
Irene —	stopped yelling for paper carriers

Meter Multiplier Room

By Celia Grenier

We wish to take this opportunity to wish Florence Harris a happy birthday. Many happy returns of the day, "Flo".

A recent marriage in our Dept. was that of Clara Osborne's. Best of luck, Clara.

And to "Roz" Glick, we say, "We miss your cheerful smile and pleasant company."

Pat won't have to borrow a bike anymore. She has one of her very own now. Isn't it wonderful!

To those six girls we saw walking to Adams the other night, we would like to ask, "What makes the bowling so much better in Adams? It wouldn't be that you were ashamed we'd see your score, would it girls?"

Welcome back, Viola Savage.

Anyone looking for a good cook, please contact Frances A. She's the best little macaroni maker you ever saw.

Ruth Peterhansel spent the week end in N. Y. C. with her sailor husband.

The "Gold Dust" twins in our Dept. are none other than Evelyn and Inez. You never see one without the other.

Resistor Standard Assembly

By Pat Collins and Dot Grant

What We Couldn't Do Without:

Dot Grant's	Smile
Kay DePari and Clista Gardner's	Harmonizing
Pat Collin's	Getting mad at Art
Pat Shafer's	Good humor
Rita DePari's	Blushing
Mary Marra's	Sweet names
Theresa Cattaneo's	Inspecting
Marion Bate's	Undiminished appetite
Theresa Alcaro's	Quietness
Art VanSteemburg's	Hospitality with someone else's snacks

Pat Shafer, hurry and get well, we all miss you.

Why the sudden rush back to school, Pat Collins?

Isn't it surprising, the number of posts still standing, since Dot Grant is learning to drive!

That's all for now folks, be seeing you.

Introducing Two John Smiths



Cpl. John E. Smith, stationed somewhere in France. Husband of Dorothy of Tubular Assembly Dept.



Pfc. John A. Smith, veteran of Tarawa and Saipan battles is the brother of Anita Wojnicki of W.E. Dept., hospitalized in States.

Mica Preparation

By Rita Johnson

Julia Dumoulin spent the week end in Springfield, Mass.

WANTED: A music teacher for Orella Tatro. Mildred Dunn, who so kindly donated time and efforts, has been transferred.

Dot Slade has returned to her work following an illness. Glad to see you back, Dot.

Millie Prevey is visiting in Providence, Rhode Island.

Welcome to the girls who formerly worked nights and are now on the first shift.

Paper Networks

By A. Heath and W. Sheldon

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family of Pvt. W. E. "Buddy" Derosa, who was killed in action in Italy.

A supper was given in honor of "Sam" Dean last Wednesday night at the Italian Gardens. Francis Stanton was Master of Ceremonies. Good luck and good wishes, "Sam".

Lena Bullett and Grace Ogert were quite surprised to hear we had a bridge in the Networks. A bridge is to test capacity, not what connects Networks to the K.V.A. For any more information, see Stan Bagdon.

The prize goes to Evelyn Morton for her lovely sweetpeas.

Bill Sheldon went home the other night all set for a nice steak dinner, and what did he get? A hunk of baloney (grade 4x).

We all know where to go for a nice chicken supper, if rationing gets tight this winter. Ida Watts is big hearted.

Winnie Emery is the one and only candy maker. Only one thing, she should keep the horse liniment out and put in a dash of vanilla.

Wire Coating -- First Shift  
By Betty Jangrow

Favorite Songs:

Bill Dunn	"Run Rabbit Run"
Homer Chilson	"Sitting On a Log Petting My Dog"

Ralph Blood  
"Yeah Yeah Yeah," said the Little Fox  
"Yeah Yeah You Can't Catch Me"  
Carlton Tatro "Dancing with Dolly  
With the Hole in Her Stocking"  
Larry Weld "Who's Afraid of  
The Big Bad Wolf"

Ruth Stratton just returned from her vacation spent with her husband, who was home on furlough.

We were all pleased to have a surprise visit from Gladys Peloquin. She certainly looked stunning in her Cadet Nurses uniform. We are all proud of you, Gladys.

It's not only the soldiers who have pin-up girls. We know someone who likes a variety of them—not just tall blondes.

Ode to Gramp

Larry Weld, the gent we call Gramp,  
Over the hills and lanes will tramp  
In search of some far hidden stream  
Forever seeking the fisherman's dream,  
A perch, a bass, a trout, a pike  
Or any other fish he likes —  
And as each season rolls around  
By some brook or lake he's found.  
A fish would have to be right tricky  
To escape the hook of Gramp,  
by cricky!

Wire Coating -- Second Shift  
By Connie Prendergast

Beatrice Curtis spent a very enjoyable week with her husband, who was home on furlough, from Camp Blanding, Georgia.

We know Walt Richardson has a one-track musical mind, but we all wish he'd learn another line to his favorite—"And I'll Be Happy".

Marjorie Speanburg celebrated her birthday recently by spending the week end in Johnsonville, N. Y.

**Brown St. Lunchroom Committee**  
Jack Sullivan Mica  
Elsie Leja P.A.A.  
Margaret Kernahan Industrial Oils  
Harvey DeGrenier Industrial Oils

Mica Test

By Dot Boutwell

Ask "Ike" "Mike" and "Spike" of Mica Preparation what they did those twenty-two minutes they were locked in Joe's office.

Irene Boucher behaves herself very well since her sister Beatrice joined the first shift.

With one more boy friend and one more brother, Viola Maruco could meet all the trains coming into North Adams.

Why is it — that when anyone brings Millie Prevey a bouquet of flowers, they mysteriously disappear, and no one knows anything about them.

Speedy recovery to Rose Bruno—we miss you very much.

We are hoping that Marie Paonessa and "Gerry" Carlton have a nice time in Washington on their vacation—you know round trip tickets are good for a limited time only—so don't forget to come back, girls.

Sample Lab

Welcome back to Marion Sinclitico who has just returned from California where she visited her husband, Jimmy, who is in the Navy.

So long to Peg and we hope you like your new job.

What's this about Lou Ramsdell getting all dressed up and having quite a bit of trouble too, but it was worth it for she certainly looked very nice after she finished.

Don't be surprised if some of our fish are missing, because the other day SOMEBODY wanted to swallow one for a quarter!

The Eyes and Ears of the Sample Lab.



Pvt. Emma Blair, formerly of Tubular Assembly, now stationed in Tennessee, is the daughter of Margaret Chaperon of the Resistor Dept.

K. V. A. Cover Assembly  
By Lil Hart

Welcome to: Jeanette Archambault. The former B.T.C. girls are glad to see you working with them again. We think you'll find the girls haven't changed a bit!

Lyle Mutart transferred from Mica. Tell us again, Lyle, about the "bus in Albany."

Daisy Meland spent her week's vacation at home, doing her fall cleaning. We thought you would be in New York City, Daisy.

Rita Murdock's husband, S-Sgt. Ray, is now located in Germany.

Sam Solomon is looking for a contestant. He claims to be the "King of the Checker Board." Is there anyone that denies he isn't?

A group of girls enjoyed a delicious supper at the Sportsmen Club. During the evening, Isabelle Witherow entertained by telling fortunes, and Jean and Rae, the "Belles" of the evening, jitterbugged. That not being complete, they finished dancing somewhere "upstate".

"Billy" Pasotti was voted the painter's "Pin-Up Boy". It must have been the lovely pink ribbon you were wearing, Bill.

Departed in Radiant Contentment:—Bob Kelly—Uncle Sam's Navy. The best of luck from the Gang.

Poet's Corner:

"Tunn" had a "Pin Up Girl"  
But now the times have changed,  
His "Pin Up Girl" has a "Pin Up Boy"  
Peter Mancuso is his name.

Songs That Fit:

"Sweet and Lovely" "Dot" Bliss  
"Do I Worry" "Tunn" Dufraigne  
"I'll Never Smile Again"

Louis Cronin

"Somebody Else is  
Taking My Place" "Johnny" Smith  
"I Get the Neck of the Chicken"

"Slim" Kenyon  
"Whistle While You Work"  
Howard Rice

"Someday My Prince Will Come"  
"Dot" Steinhoff

"Someone's Rocking My Dreamboat"  
"Fran" Delisle

"I Walk Alone" "Daisy" Meland  
"Too Late To Worry"

"Billy" Passotti

"It Had To Be You"  
Isabelle Witherow

Our Safety Corner



Someone left a stool in the aisle . . . it wasn't you - was it?

## Attend Colloquium

By Clara Miller

Dr. Preston Robinson, Mr. William M. Allison, and Mr. Nelson E. Beverly attended a Colloquium on Networks on Thursday, October 12, and a Conference on Specifications for networks on Friday, October 13, both held at the Radiation Laboratory, M.I.T., Cambridge, Mass.

On Thursday, Dr. Robinson, Director of Research for the Sprague Electric Co., presented a paper entitled "Design and Circuit Applications".

## On School Editorial Staff

Joey Crescimbeni, former shipping clerk at Brown Street plant who is enrolled as a Freshman at Northeastern University and majoring in English Journalism has been appointed a feature writer on the college paper. Joey states that the requirements for getting on the paper required past experience in writing, and the submission of two articles to be passed upon by the Editor-in-Chief of the college paper. Congratulations, Joey!

## Married Oct. 23rd

Miss Lorraine Pinsonault of Block Test, became the bride of Mr. Bernard Bullett of Factory Engineering on October 23rd. The wedding was solemnized at Notre Dame Church.



## Partition Patter

By Arthur W. Charron

Marge McConnell spent the week end in town, "doing" the Movies and Hot Dog Stands to a turn.

Rose Salter has just redecorated her front door, reminding us of a story we once read "The Varnishing American".

For Sale:—One carpenter dog; will do odd jobs around the house. Good reason for selling. Apply to Ruth Morrissey.

Doris Armstrong's stockings are no longer bottle babies. They now have seams in the back.

Mabel Maxwell's favorite subject is "My Arthritis". It causes many little bumps we usually call bones.

Correction:—Ruth Millis does NOT like our favorite record "Babalou".

Betty Hunter and Clementine Zanetti will surely go to Heaven. They always behave so well that I seldom can find anything to say about them.

Art Charron keeps singing "An Hour Never Passes But I Think of You". It must be that drink we saved for him which he never got!

## Selkar News

By T. Burdick and R. Pasotti

Gina Cellana, the pictures you brought in were certainly knockouts. Wish we all had a collection like that. One of them shows her son Arthur, in Egypt with native Bedouins.

Friday, the 13th, proved to be a lucky day for Leda King who received a lovely gift in honor of her birthday. Bill Reynolds won the "pool" and also considers it a lucky day.

The girls appreciate the "mike" in the middle of the room. Now we can distinguish one piece of music from another.

The Selkar has organized a new bowling team. We have ten members and after a little practice will be very glad to accept a challenge.

Welcome back, Francis Royal. We are glad for your speedy recovery.



## NETWORKS

By Lucy DeFazio

### Go Over Top In Community Chest Drive

We of the Beaver Networks have the honor of being the first department to "go over the top" for the Community Fund!

Jessie Wronski spent a week end with her mother in Savoy.

Glad to see Helen Corsi back with us. Sorry to have Ann Roy transferred from our department to Dry Test. We shall miss you.

Ralph Smith vacationed in Boston, while Frank Godfrey spent his at home. It must be liking hard work that makes the Godfreys go over the century mark. Frank's father has reached that mark.

Welcome to our new Check Inspectors, Minnie Cann and Betty Wol—also welcome back to Peter Begbieing.

Testing was too much for Oliver Ledger,—so he had a chair brought down while helping out those out on vacations. Bet you'll be glad when vacation season is over — Cheer up — only a day and a half to go!

## Western Electric

By Emma Alongi

### What would our Dept. be like IF:

Pat—lost her sense of humor  
Mary and Dotty—lost their appetites  
Peg—wasn't always late  
Louie and Oliver—

weren't always playing jokes  
Lucille—didn't lose her temper  
Kate—didn't have that cute laugh  
Stanley—took it easy  
Danny—wasn't so witty

The gang miss Mae Beaulien and Emma Thibert, both have leaves of absence.

Have you noticed that twinkle in Bernice Suprenant's eyes—her husband was home recently for an 8-day furlough.

Wedding bells will soon ring for Midge Isabelle and Jeannette Roberts. The gang wish you the best of luck.

Today, I am a MAN—Think of it—"Louie" and Oliver Jr. smoking cigars!!

I wonder why Don Roy was in such a hurry to come to work that he forgot to take off his pajamas—Perhaps he didn't like red marks on the tardy list. Now, Don has left for the Navy and we shall miss him!

## Boxing Department

By Connie Urbano

Three cheers for the Boxing Department — they did a splendid job and went over the top for the Community Chest drive.

### Hold Party

The girls of the Boxing Department had a very enjoyable time recently, when they were entertained by Cora Armstrong at her new Inn. Cora, former member of the department has just purchased a new Inn and expects to open it to the public in the near future. So — the department says, "Farewell, Cora, and much, much success in your new undertaking."

Alma Sweeney, Madge Horrigan and Connie Urbano spent the weekend in New York City. They made reservations at the Woodstock Hotel and visited some of the high spots of New York.

We wish a speedy recovery to Carolyn Champney and Ann Mariani.

Mary Beattie went to Missouri to be married. The Department wishes Mary and her husband much happiness.

## Celebrate Anniversaries

It was Mr. and Mrs. Adolf Heideman's twenty-first anniversary and Mr. Heideman's birthday—so friends honored them with a delicious spaghetti dinner at their home, October 14th. The couple received many gifts, including a purse of money, flowers and a decorated cake. Mrs. Heideman works in Paper Rolling, her son, Adolf, Jr. is in the Networks department, and her mother, Mrs. Anna Thomann works in the B.T.A.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cassidy celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary in October. Mr. Cassidy works in the Machine Shop.

Mr. and Mrs. "Jim" Dickerson celebrated their ninth wedding anniversary October 17. Florence works in K.V.A.



Pvt. and Mrs. Ed Wojnicki taken at the time of their marriage, June 6, 1943. Mrs. Wojnicki is the former Anita Smith of Western Electric.



Pat Raedel and Phyllis Olson at Balboa Park, San Diego, Cal., where they were visiting their husbands, Paul Raedel, M.M. Mate 3-c and Harold Olson, M.M. Mate 3-c.

## IMPREGNATING

By A. Langer and V. Lincoln

Angie Langer, the young lady at the desk enjoyed a vacation last week when her sailor hubby, Walt, was home. Boy, oh boy, he's not bad!

"Uncle Tom" our department wolf has bought himself a comb—and what hair!

Dan Mills—if as we hear: "An apple a day keeps the doctor away"—what would a "pear a day do"?

Velma keeps singing, "You Never Know How Much I Miss You"... Why?

Paul Fitzpatrick, Scaman 2-c, was home on furlough last week. He had quite a lot of adventures to tell about this trip.

Joe Downey is "araisin" Irish Cock Roosters.

## Party at Florini's for Phyllis Lemoine



Left to right, front row: "Peggie" Daub, Edna Leonard, Doris Benini, "Flo" Morin, Phyllis Lemoine (Guest of Honor), Rita Kowalski, Nellie Morin, Mary Walsh and Lucille Nephew.

Second row: Violet Smith, Jane Dobbett, Virginia Elmer, Bernice Vincelette, Ruth Toniatti, Dot Roy, "Tudy" Gilman, Dot Gilman, Phyllis Brooks, Blanche Cable and Helen Siciliano.

## CHECK INSPECTION

By Linda Brown

A hearty welcome to all our new check inspectors—Joan Hurley, Betty Wol, Minnie Cann, Rita Sharron and John Diamond. We all hope you will like your work.

You should hear our song thrush, Fran Cerminara sing "I Walk Alone". You haven't heard anything until you do.

Who were the "piggies" who ate up all the big luscious chocolate cake that "Mom" Short brought in? Honest, Mom, we just couldn't help it—that cake was so good!

### "Porne"

The Check Inspectors in Block Test Very seldom get a rest.

On the ball!! This is a rush! Don't forget—discharge with brush!

At last—4:50—time to scoot — Oh no—This cart's gotta go down that chute.

A last minute rummage for ink pad and stamp

Don coat — grab bag — trudge — we-a-ri-ly up — ramp.

A party was given for Celia Shea in the Metal Tubular department in honor of her birthday.... Many happy returns of the day, Celia.

## Factory Engineering

By "Edie" Dickinson

My goodness! This department certainly comes in for its share of excitement. We are glad to have Doris Roy back with us and hope to see Laura Ferguson back at her drawing-board shortly. Then, a wedding took place and yours truly changed her name. Now, just to keep up our record, Bernard Bullett has decided to take a walk along the Matrimonial Pathway of Life. The heartiest of congratulations, Bernie. Now, Roger and Doris are the only single employees left in our department. How about it, Dan Cupid?

Milton Spencer and his stoker don't seem to get along very well lately. Whenever Milton isn't at his desk bright and early in the morning, you can invariably blame it on said stoker.

Anybody interested in party tricks? Just drop in sometime and see Harold Stevens. He never fails to have one ready for any occasion.

Henry Anderson recently celebrated his wedding anniversary by taking half a day off from work. Incidentally, it was his son's wedding anniversary, also.

If any information is desired in regard to songs that came out in the early 1900's, just ask John Tolmie. I believe he knows just about every song that was published in those days. He'll even whistle a couple of them for you if the tune is not familiar.

## Dry Test

By Marie Sherry

Betty Bogus spent the weekend in New York—and while there enjoyed seeing "Hats Off to Sea" at the Radio City Music Hall.

We are very glad to see Pearl Walden back at work, and hope that Marguerite Miller will be back with us soon.

### Songs That Fit:

Gregory Alcaro—"Time on My Hands"  
Helen Mancuso—"I'll Be Seeing You"  
Marie Sherry—"I Had a Man"  
Bernice DeMarsico—

"You Always Hurt the One You Love"  
Marguerite Shay—"My Man"  
Roy Cook—

"Take Me Out to the Ball Game"  
Elaine Bourdon—"The One I Love"  
Shaker Ferris—

"Deep in the Heart of Texas"  
Barbara Phillips—

"Let Me Call You Sweetheart"  
Kathleen James—"I Walk Alone"  
Julius Lincoln—"Is You Is or

Is You Ain't—My Baby"  
Anne Tycks—"My Wild Irish Rose"  
Elizabeth Strange—"Sleepy Time Gal"

## BLOCK ANNEX

By Esther Perrault

Lorraine Dubriel hit a new high in bowling recently—116. And that was only Practice!! Keep it up, Lorraine.

Alice Lavarriere spent a week end in New York recently—and attended Al Smith's funeral at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Dot Marlowe spent a very enjoyable week end in New York recently,—she hasn't been the same since.

Harry Embry was to be the recipient of a violin—but the barber saved him from that fate.

Pvt. Donald Gregory of the Paratroopers, was a recent visitor to our department. Don has just received his wings and is now stationed in Georgia.

Margaret Viall has returned from visiting her husband stationed at Bangor, Me.

We wish you a speedy recovery—Mariange Contois, and glad to know Mrs. Mahar is fully recovered from her sprained ankle.

Welcome back to Alice LeGrand, recently returned from a leave of absence.

Eunice Timothy is our new music maker and we certainly like her choices.

Yvonne Perras tells us that her husband Pvt. David is now stationed in France.

It was swell to see Pvt. Leo Lamarre as a visitor recently. He is stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.

We wish George Brackley a speedy recovery after an extended illness.



Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Dickinson, married Sept. 30, 1944. Mrs. Dickinson is "Edie" Lee of Factory Engineering. Her bridesmaid is Miss Doris Hiser of the Employment Office, and the best man is Seaman Alfred Falino, formerly from the Gas Mask Department.

### Bathtub Assembly

By T. Boulterice and R. Haskins

June LaHue, a member of this department has been the guest of honor at several showers lately. Her marriage to Joseph Rivers occurs October 28th. Mrs. Patrick DeMarco and Mrs. Helen Gilbo were hostesses at a shower for June recently. She received many attractive gifts.

Welcome to Claude Wager who comes to us from Brown Street.

### Farewell Party

A Farewell party was held in honor of Nellie Hicks who leaves the department. It was held at Florini's Italian Gardens. An appropriate gift was presented the guest of honor by Eleanor Charbonneau who also furnished entertainment in a very novel manner. Those present in addition to the guest of honor and Eleanor were Ann Palmer, Pearl Johnson, Cora Miller, Pearl Pettibone and Ruth Haskins.

### Dry Rolling

By Mamie Farinon

Someone handed Art Molleur a wire that looked very much like licorice candy. Can you imagine the look on Art's face, when he discovered he was chewing on wire, not licorice... especially since he is very fond of Licorice.

Helen Hannaleck spent a week's vacation in Worcester, Mass.

It seems Joe DeGrenier bought two locks and the keys were attached to each lock. He found he had quite a problem, when he couldn't open them. Well, Joe, let me help... why don't you try removing the key that is attached to one lock and use that one to open the lock instead of the key that belongs to the other lock? ???

### Plating Department

By Lucille Little

Ed Sharrand, after accompanying his son back to the hospital at Atlantic City had quite an experience at the Penn Station, where he encountered the identification candidate, Thomas Dewey... Ed also took in a bit of New York while there.

James Harrington, our only philatelist, has quite a collection, and recently journeyed to Pittsfield where he picked up ten rare stamps.

Welcome to our department, Joseph Gagner.

John is giving Russ and Pinky some strong competition in having teeth pulled. Nine — all at one time.

We want to thank Alice Booth for the chocolate cake — and hope to see more!

Speaking of canary seed, Howie is getting to be a very good whistler.

Rarick is letting his hair grow — it's almost long enough to part!

### Block Test

By Barbara King

Welcome back: Eva Stone, Shirley Floyd, Roma Mezowioz, Aurore Wood, and Della Pillings.

Arlene Chalifoux started her training for the WACs October 25th at Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga.

Robert (Chuck) Choquette of the Merchant Marines visited his department, when home on furlough recently.

Anna Lamoureux and Josephine DePaoli spent the week end in New York. They saw Frank Sinatra in person — also "Ink Spots", Hazel Scott and Roscoe Karns.

Josephine Roe spent her week's vacation at home as did Emma Ethier of the night shift.

### Pre-Nuptial Party

A pre-nuptial party was held in honor of Lorraine Pinsonneault at the Clarksburg Sportsmen Club on October 17th. The guest of honor was given a purse of money by her co-workers and an enjoyable time was had by all. Those attending were: Pauline Jandran, Emily Kozela, Josephine Roe, Anna Werner, Mrs. Pinsonneault, Mrs. Bartlett, Barbara King, Mary Macek, Theresa Briggs, Roma Sweeney, Catherine Krol, June Pinsonneault and Ann Blasi of the Boxing Dept.

### Tubular Assembly

By Eleanor Stay

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Alma and Leslie Kent, on the loss of their father.

Glad to hear you are feeling better, Eleanor Macksey, our thoughts are with you.

We are glad to get news of Sonny Williams, now receiving his boot training at Sampson. He is getting along fine, according to reports.

A week end leave was enjoyed by Romeo Gagne — he certainly gets around!

Speedy recovery to Maude Waska and Florence LeFave.

### Phyllis Lemoine Feted

A group of co-workers gathered at Florini's recently to honor Phyllis Lemoine who enlisted in the WAVES and left for basic training October 19th, for Hunter's College, N. Y. Toasts were given by Florence Morin and Phyllis Brooks. Phyllis was presented with a cake, a corsage of red roses and a traveling bag. Later in the evening, the party went to Adams, where dancing was enjoyed. Her Department wishes her much success in her new venture.

### Machine Shop News

By J. Walsh and E. Remillard

The success of the Machine Shop's "Cooperative" mounts steadily. Each week, new donations arrive to be auctioned off, to increase the fund for gifts to the Machine Shop's service men. To date seven packages have been mailed overseas to those Machine Shop men who are serving abroad, and eight more packages will be mailed to the boys in training in this country, at an early date.

Donations to the "Cooperative" for October 10th were given by: H. Cassidy, R. Drobiak, H. Surr, T. C. Ferguson, Geo. Scarbo, R. Lanoue, Jerry Gamari and J. Cooper. The donations consisted of a dozen eggs, three cakes, a box of fudge, a peck of pears, a loaf of homemade bread, a summer squash and one acorn squash, 2 lbs. of sugar and some cigars. The amount received for that date was \$8.00.

Donations for the week of October 21st netted \$7.50, and were given by H. Trombley, H. MacDonald, G. Scarbo, E. Charbonneau, F. Petri, R. Bartlett, W. Mautser and T. Francis. The donations included one gallon of cider, a chocolate cake, homemade bread, a carton of Camels, one dozen eggs, one set of (four) tire locks, two 1-lb. Hershey Bars and another gallon of cider.

### Paper Rolling

By Margaret Lamberti

The Paper Rolling department has finally come out of hiding. A number of the girls went up to the bowling alley last Friday night and for the first time this season — they weren't too bad. The high score of the evening was held by Doris DeSacco who bowled 103. The lowest was held by Mabel Theriault... But don't be discouraged, Mabel — in spite of those spikes, you certainly have a mean swing. And perhaps you should have a blouse with action back... What would this get-together have been without Tillie and Alice who kept us in stitches all evening.

WELCOME — to all of you newcomers — even though your stay will be short, until transferred to the new PAA Department at Brown Street.

Girls! Stop fighting over our new sweeper — don't you know Alice has first chance?

Little Eva — do you still insist that you wear a size 32 with tucks.

Lilly Rancourt spent the week end in Boston.

Mary Valazza spent a week end in Readsboro.

We are glad to welcome Roma Sacco back.

### Night Shift

Marion Conroy celebrated her birthday last week — Congratulations!

Welcome back to Yvette Annett who has returned after a leave of absence.

### Can Shop

By Russ and Lena

The Can Shop would take on a deadly calm if it were not for the daily discussions of Albert Bass and Dick Germaine, on: Florida oranges, Maine potatoes, local plant lice, the post-war prospects of Alaska, etc., etc.

Russ has discovered a new species of potato — producing 9 potatoes to the bushel — they weigh 7 pounds apiece, with 20 potatoes to the plant! The only way to harvest them is to dig them out with a horse and plow!

Come on, Bill — what is it. You've been showing off long enough!

Nice of Russ to carry extra apples in his lunch — eh Rose?

The feature of the bowling match between the Can Shop and the Plating Department was a 51 - by - guess whom.

## SPORTS COLUMN . . .

by Bullett, Carpenter and Russell

By Ken Russell

The World Series are over and the St. Louis Cardinals are the 1944 World Champions. Leading in the series 3 games to 2 the Cards clinched the 6th game and the title. Ted Wilks was the winning pitcher and he won by the score of 3-1. Outstanding hitter for the Brownies was George McQuinn, 1st baseman. An unusual feat was performed by the Cardinal team, in that their fielding during the series was superb and only 1 error occurred. Marty "Slats" Marion was the top man for the Cardinals as his play at shortstop was nothing short of phenomenal. Many experts are of the opinion that Lanky Marion is the equal to any short stop that ever performed in the big-leagues.

In the football world the Notre Dame team from South Bend continues to trample over the opposition with recent victories over Dartmouth 64-6 and a fighting Wisconsin team 28-13. Those 13 points scored by the Badgers were the first to be scored on the Irish. But the schedule is getting tougher and with the opposition increased, Notre Dame is sure to hit a tartar. The east finds the Cadets from West Point showing their heels to their opponents as they have won 4 straight games scoring 250 points against 14 for the opposition. Navy is another outstanding team this year and even though they have only won 2 while dropping a pair to the North Carolina Pre-flight 21-14 and a fighting Georgia Tech team 17-15; statistics show that this team is packed with dynamite and when they hit in high gear — beware. The Southern teams are at this stage a little below par, although the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets are the strongest outfit in their section along with the Naval team at North Carolina who have yet to meet defeat. Wake Forest, a smaller college is also undefeated to date. The Mid-West has several capable teams such as the "Buckeyes" of Ohio State. This team has the power, deception and most important of all very cap-

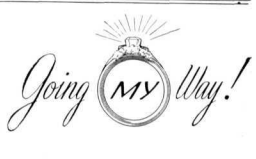
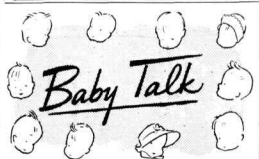
able reserves. These tactics payed off in the recent defeat of a good Great Lakes eleven. The Purdue "Boiler-makers" are another team to be reckoned with before the Big Ten title is decided. Tulsa is the strong point in the south-west. This squad and Randolph Field really dominate the conference teams in that section. On the coast the Naval teams seem to run rather easily over the college boys. The game to really decide the best in the way of schools without too much material help from the Navy or Army, takes place soon between the Univ. of So. California and the Washington Univ. Huskies.

Turning to High School Football, Adams has all but clinched the Northern Berkshire Title. By their recent victory of downing Pittsfield 12-0 on rain soaked Valley Field; Adams definitely proved their superiority and had the day been dry, this corner feels that the score would have been even higher. Drury is in the middle of one of its most disastrous years. Suffering twin defeats in Pittsfield; first to Pittsfield St. Joseph 13-0 and then to Pittsfield High 6-0, the "Blue Devils" have at least shown one thing, they do have a defense but without that offensive punch the boys are in for a rough ride.

The cry in Western Mass. is beat Turners Falls if you want a look in for the Western Mass. title, but each week Coach Earl Lordens' boys look just that much better.

The bowling season is just two weeks old and so we have little to report from the alleys except to say that as the season moves on we advise watching the scores for we know the potential strength of most of the clubs. At least spirit is not lagging as one can judge by coming in to witness a match some Thursday evening.

Many of the girls seem to be forming teams and pretty good ones too, so watch out fellows, you may be challenged. If enough girls teams are formed we may have a girls league to report on in the near future.



Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Gamari are the parents of a son born October 13th. Gerald works in the Machine Shop.

A daughter was born October 13th to Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Taylor. Mr. Taylor works in the Mica Laboratory.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Dorst are the parents of a son born October 19th. Mr. Dorst is in charge of the Laboratory at Brown Street.

Miss Is belle MacFarlane of the Boxing Department announces her engagement to Ensign Andrew Hamilton.

Miss Marguerite Isabelle of the Western Electric Department announces her engagement to Corp. William Chittenden. No date has been set for the wedding.

### KNITTED GIFTS . . .



Get instructions at the Beaver Dispensary. Directions for these attractive gifts also include socks for men, and gloves for the youngsters.